FORM B - BUILDING MAY 2 3 1989 746

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
D	345

Town Wakefield

Address 509 North Avenue

Historic Name NA

Use: Present Dwelling

Original Dwelling

Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo. Staple to left side of form.

DESCRIPTION

Date c.1848

Source Visual analysis, Ruth Woodbury

Style Greek Revival/early Italianate

Architect NA

Exterior Wall Fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings None

Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection(s).
Indicate north

Major Alterations (with dates) Porch, 1 story ell on east added c. 1890

Condition Fair

Moved Probably Date Unknown

Acreage Under one acre

Setting Faces west at edge of Lakeside Cemetery.

UTM REFERENCE 19/328970/4708250

USGS QUADRANGLE Reading, Mass.

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Architectural Preservation Associates

Organization Wakefield Historical Commission

Date March 1985

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

This small Greek Revival house is a well preserved example of local design for the period- especially in its conservative detailing. It retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association and meets Criterion C of the NRHP on the local level. And would meet exceptionB as it has probably been moved from its original site.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.

Brick and cement block foundations suggest this house was moved to its site. It is a 1½ story, frame Greek Revival house only three bays wide and one deep. The gable roof has a boxed cornice which is typical of Wakefield's houses of that period and has returns above a wide frieze. Simple, plane door and window surrounds were probably never more elaborate. There is 6/1 sash in the windows which would originally have been 6/6. A central chimney follows the Wakefield conservative pattern.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community. The ice companies were an extensive presence in Wakefield on both lakes. On Lake Quannapowitt their holdings in the second half of the 19th c. ran from the southwest corner of the lake north almost to Reading on the Lake side and a somewhat shorter distance on the west side of North Avenue. Some of their land was sold to Lakeside Cemetery in 1846 and individual lots and streets were laid out and built upon including this lot. An 1848 plan shows the cemetery's move to ice company property and shows between the edge of the then smaller cemetery and Grove Street (now North Ave.) that there were two streets, Cemetery and Centre, with houses on them whose property has since been absorbed by the cemetery. It would appear that this house may have been built c.1840 and moved before 1869 although probably earlier. Grove St. became Railroad Ave. before 1874 and North Ave. about 1903. On both sides of the street residents were mainly Irish coming to Wakefield from the 1850s to work in the rattan and shoe factories. Dennis O'Connell who lived here was born in Ireland and is listed as a shoemaker in the 1869 Directory.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Middlesex County Registry of Deeds, Filed Plan 349,Plan Book 4B page 71.
Wakefield Historical Society, Vertical Files, Ruth Woodbury's Notes.
Maps of 1874 (D.O'Connell), 1889 (O'Connell), 1906 (Mary O'Connell).
Directory of 1869.

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OMB Approval No. 1024-0018

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Wakefield MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
51. House at 39 Converse Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper Deborah Byrne 7/6/89 Attest
52. House at 40 Crescent Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper Deborah Byrne 7/6/89 Attest
53. House at 42 Hopkins Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper Deborah Byrne 7/6/89 Attest
54. House at 5 Bennett Street Entered in the National Register	for Keeper Deborah Byrne 7/6/89 Attest
55. House at 509 North Avenue Entered in the National Register	for Keeper Deborah Byrne 7/6/89 Attest
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: House at 509 North Avenue

MULTIPLE NAME: Wakefield MRA

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 5/23/89 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 6/06/89
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/22/89 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/07/89
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89000746

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL:	N	DATA PROBLEM:	N	LANDSCAPE:	N	LESS THAN 50 YEARS:	N
OTHER:	N	PDIL:	N	PERIOD:	N	PROGRAM UNAPPROVED:	N
REQUEST:	N	SAMPLE:	N	SLR DRAFT:	N	NATIONAL:	N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

✓ ACCEPT ___ RETURN ___ REJECT 7/6/89 DATE Entered in the National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA_____
REVIEWER_____
DISC IPLINE_____
DATE_____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

___count ___resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___historic ___current

DESCRIPTION

___architectural classification
___materials
___descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

___summary paragraph
___completeness
___clarity
___applicable criteria
___justification of areas checked
___relating significance to the resource
___context
___relationship of integrity to significance
___justification of exception
___other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

___acreage ___verbal boundary description
___UTMs ___boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___sketch maps ___USGS maps ___photographs ___presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____

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509 North Ave.

Wakefield MRA, Ma

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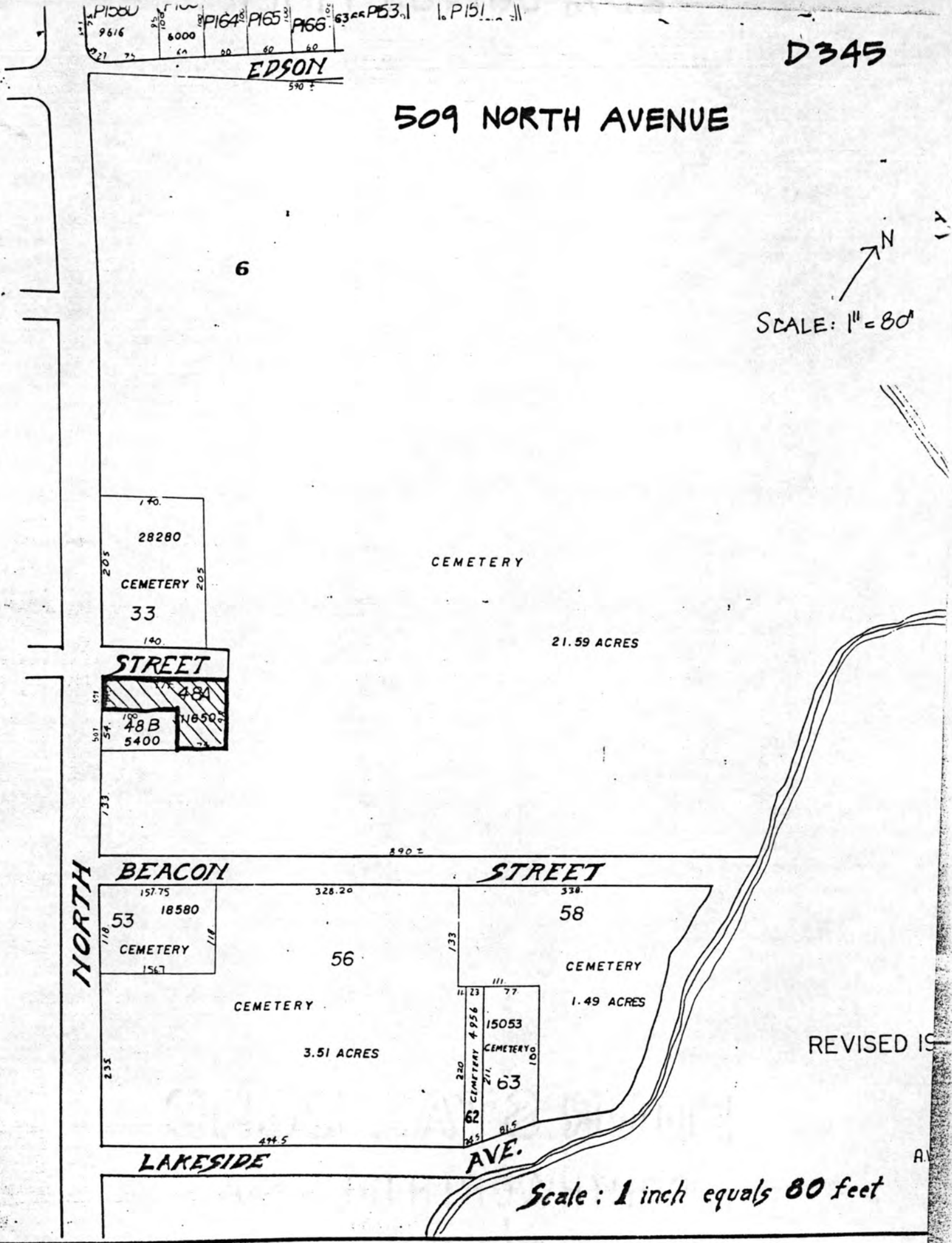
509 NORTH AVENUE



Please refer to the map in the Multiple Property Cover Sheet for this property

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